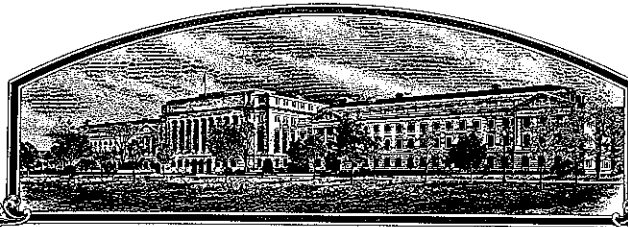


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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

**Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.**

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

**Secretary of Agriculture**

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'9552'



Attest:

*Ann Marie Thro*

Commissioner  
Plant Variety Protection Office  
Agricultural Marketing Service

*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.*

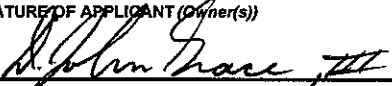
*Samuel H. Hildner*  
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

**APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE**  
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER		3. VARIETY NAME	
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.				9552	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)		5. TELEPHONE (include area code)		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9600376 FILING DATE Aug. 30, 1996 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: \$2450.00 DATE Aug. 23, 1996 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$300.00 DATE 6/1/1999	
700 Capital Square 400 Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309		515/270-3582			
6. FAX (include area code)		515/253-2288			
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME		8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)			
Glycine max L.		Luguminosae			
9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name)					
Soybean					
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)					
Corporation					
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION			
Iowa		May 6, 1926			
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS					
John Grace 7300 NW 62nd Ave. P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004		Debra Blair (Copy) 700 Capital Square 400 Locust St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309		(include area code) 515/270-3582	
				15. FAX (include area code) 515/253-2288	
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,600 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)					
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)?					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If "no," go to item (20)					
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?			19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			<input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED		
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
U.S. - 1996					
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate					
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.					
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))		
					
NAME (Please print or type)			NAME (Please print or type)		
D. John Grace III					
CAPACITY OR TITLE		DATE	CAPACITY OR TITLE		DATE
Soybean Research Coordinator		8/20/96			

**EXHIBIT A.    Origin and Breeding History of the Variety****Soybean Variety 9552**

9552 evolved from a 1987 cross made at Tennessee of 9591/9531.

9552 is an F4-derived variety which was advanced to the F4 generation by modified single seed descent. The F5 progeny row of 9552 was grown in the 1990 plant row nursery in Tennessee as row 27059. Subsequently, 9552 has undergone 4 years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of its superior yield and pest resistance, variety 9552 was released for sale.

The purification block was grown during 1993 in Tennessee, and 79 sublines were harvested. 5 acres of 9552 were grown in 1994 in Tennessee. 80 acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in 1995 in Arkansas and 4,200 bushels harvested.

**EXHIBIT B. Statement of Distinctness****Soybean Variety 9552**

9552 is most similar to A5403, A5545, DPL415, Epps, FFR542, FFR563, and Hartz 5545 for Maturity Group V determinate growth habit, soybean cyst nematode resistance, purple flowers and gray pubescence. However, 9552 has buff hila, while the others in the above grouping have imperfect black hila. In addition, 9552 is resistant to races 1, 2, and 3 of Phytophthora while only Epps and FFR563 in the above grouping also are resistant. Epps also has a gene for Soybean Mosaic virus resistance from PI 96.683 which 9552 does not.

Other Maturity Group V determinate varieties with gray pubescence and soybean cyst nematode resistance such as A5112, A5547, A5843, A5979, Agratech 555, FFR500, and TN5-92 have white flowers, whereas 9552 has purple flowers.

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 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C  
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY  
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) <b>Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.</b>	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME <b>9552</b>
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) <b>7300 N.W. 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, IA 50131-1004</b>		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER <b>9600376</b>

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero on the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,  ). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



L



W



T

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify)

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify)

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1 a)

2 = Type B (SP1 b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify)

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## 11. LEAFLET SIZE:

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

## 12. LEAF COLOR:

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

## ★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

## ★ 14. POD COLOR:

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

## ★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

## 16. PLANT TYPES:

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

## ★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

## ★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

## ★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

## BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)★ Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)★ Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

## FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)★ 

Race 1

Race 2

Race 3

Race 4

Race 5

Other (Specify)

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)★ Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

## 19. DISEASES REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

## FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★  Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★  Race 1  Race 2  Race 3  Race 4  Race 5  Race 6  Race 7
- Race 8  Race 9  Other (Specify)

## VIRAL DISEASES:

- Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★  Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★  Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

## NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★  Race 1  Race 2  Race 3  Race 4  Other (Specify) 14
- Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★  Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★  Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify)

## 20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- ★  Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- Other (Specify)

## 21. INSECT REACTION: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna Varivestis*)
- Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- Other (Specify)

## 22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A5979	Seed Coat Luster	A5979
Leaf Shape	A5979	Seed Size	9551
Leaf Color	A5979	Seed shape	9551
Leaf Size	A5979	Seedling Pigmentation	9591

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## 23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY : Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEED	NO. SEEDS POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted 9552	132	2.0	94			42.4	20.4	13	3
Name of Similar Variety A5979	137	2.8	98			40.3	20.4	11	3

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**EXHIBIT D. Additional Description of the Variety**

Variety 9552 is a mid group V variety. If group V maturities are divided into tenths, the relative maturity of 9552 is 5.5.

**Isozyme Table**

ACO2	ACO3	ACO4	ACP	DIA	ENP	IDH1	IDH2	MDH	MPI	PGM1	PHI1
2	1	3	A	B	A	2	2	B	A	2	2

**EXHIBIT E. Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership**

Variety 9552 was originated and developed by U.S. plant breeders from whom, by agreement, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. has obtained exclusive rights to variety 9552. No rights to variety 9552 are retained by the plant breeder or by any other party.